Purple-spored Puffball
Vase-shaped Puffball

Calvatia cyathiformis
(Bosc) Morgan

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Habitat: Solitary, scattered, fairy rings. On hard-packed earth in grassy areas or along woodland edges.

Fruiting Body: 3.5 – 7”x to 3.5 – 8” [9 – 17.5 cm x 9 – 20 cm]
White to pale brown. Smooth, then areolate, breaking into thin plates that flake off in age. Ellipsoid/spherical or pear-/top-shaped (irregular in age). Leaves a purple saucer-shaped cup.

Spores: White and solid, then yellowish, finally dull purple/purple-brown and powdery.

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: ALRGL, FRANF, GUIPK, HAMVL, MCLUR, MPENA, MTPLT, ROBNC, ROGOR, UMDCF, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 365852.